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ANNOUNCEMENT

SUBJECT: Mammography Screening

Starting on April 1, 2005, the Goddard Space Flight Center will provide mammography screenings on a feefor-service basis. Fee-for-service means that each employee is responsible for payment directly to George Washington (GW) University Mammovan at the time of service. Most types of insurance cover mammograms. Employees should check their insurance coverage and call GW Mammovan to make an appointment and arrange for the method of payment, whether by insurance coverage or the employee paying directly to GW Mammovan at the time of service. This service is available to both civil servants and contractors.

The GW University Mammovan will be at the Goddard Space Flight Center on April 1, 2005. The Mammovan will be located in the Health Unit parking lot next to Building 97. Eligible Goddard employees may call (202) 741-3020 to schedule an appointment and to arrange a method of payment.

You are eligible if:

- 1) You are 35 years or older. The GW University Mobile Mammography Program prohibits more than one screening mammography for women between the ages of 35-39 and requires a full 12 months between annual mammograms for women over 40.
- 2) You do not have a personal history of breast cancer.
- 3) You do not have any breast symptoms such as a lump in either breast or unusual breast pain or nipple discharge.
- 4) You do not have breast implants.
- 5) You have not given birth or breast fed within the last 6 months.

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The Mammovan is accredited by the American College of Radiology and is certified by the FDA to perform screening mammograms. Since mammogram films are compared with previous mammograms to ensure stability in the breast tissue, you must bring your last mammogram films to your appointment, or have the facility which houses them mail them directly to:

George Washington University Medical Center Breast Care Center 2150 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Suite DC-123 Washington, DC 20037 Attention: Karen Merino

Remember: Call (202) 741-3020 to schedule an appointment and arrange a method of payment. For more information, call the Health Unit at (301) 286-6666, or Cathy Cavey at (301) 286-9352.

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